IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF NEBRASKA

Jennifer M. King, an Individual, Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.

VS.

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(Jury Trial demanded in Omaha, Nebraska)

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- 52. On March 17, 2016, Dr. Kevin Reagan, Chief Medical Officer at Bergan Mercy, informed Dr. King that her protection order was not being taken seriously. He said he had been told that the Harassment Protection was not in effect until Dr. King went to court. When Dr. King informed Dr. Reagan that her protection was legitimate, and she had already been to court, he expressed his disappointment to how her issue was handled.
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- 55. On March 24, 2016, Dr. King received an email from Dr. Reagan expressing his disappointment in how the situation was handled and that he was personally sorry to see her leave CHI.
- 56. On March 25, 2016, Dr. King received an e-mail from Mr. Tiesi who asked her to cancel Mr. Kelly's FMLA so that he can put in the termination request. Dr. King received text messages from staff who heard that Mr. Kelly may have been dismissed by telephone that evening while he was still on FMLA.
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- 58. Shortly after Dr. King's termination, she was medically diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- 59. Recently in or about June of 2018, Dr. King, through her new job at Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), inspected a Walmart Pharmacy in McCook, Nebraska. During the inspection Dr. King realized that Mr. Kelly was employed by the pharmacy and instantly had a panic attack, anxiously going into fight or flight mode.

COUNT I: SEXUAL HARRASMENT AS A FORM OF DISCRIMINATION

- 60. Paragraphs 1 through 59 are restated and reincorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 61. By the above facts, CHI has violated Title VII by discriminating against Dr. King, due to her sex, including subjecting her to a hostile work environment.
- 62. CHI's conduct subjected Dr. King to a hostile work environment that was objectively, as well as subjectively, severe and pervasive, and materially altered her working conditions.
 - 63. Dr. King was subjected to unwelcome sexual conduct and advances on a daily basis.
- 64. CHI knew or should have known of the hostile work environment and failed to take proper remedial actions.
- 65. Because of CHI's conduct, Dr. King suffered damages including, but not limited to lost wages, fear for her safety, pain and suffering, humiliation, and mental distress.

COUNT II: INTENTIAL INFLICTION OF EMOTION DISTTRESS

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- 68. The conduct Dr. King was subjected to was so outrageous and so extreme as to go beyond all possible bounds of accepted decency.
 - 69. Mr. Kelly was, at all relevant times acting within the scope of his employment.
- 70. Dr. King's emotional anguish and mental harm were sufficiently severe and were considered medically significant.
 - 71. CHI was the actual and proximate cause of Dr. King's injuries.
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COUNT III: NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTION DISTTRESS

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COUNT IV: BREACH OF CONTRACT

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- 79. CHI made explicit statements to Dr. King and other employees that CHI would provide a safe work environment. Consideration in return for CHI providing a safe work environment was supported by Dr. King's continued employment.
- 80. Dr. King had a reasonable expectation that CHI would provide such a safe environment.
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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Dr. King prays for judgment in her favor and against CHI in an amount

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as provided by law in an amount to be determined by the evidence, and for such other and further

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Dr. King hereby demands a trial by jury in this action.

DATED this 10th day of July, 2018.

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enforce the protection order. Dr. King was instructed to tell other employees that Mr. Kelly was on leave and to contact security if he was spotted.

- 51. On March 2, 2016, following the advice of CHI's Legal Department, Ms. Robertson e-mailed Dr. King giving her permission to verbally talk to staff about the protection order.
- 52. On March 17, 2016, Dr. Kevin Reagan, Chief Medical Officer at Bergan Mercy, informed Dr. King that her protection order was not being taken seriously. He said he had been told that the Harassment Protection was not in effect until Dr. King went to court. When Dr. King informed Dr. Reagan that her protection was legitimate, and she had already been to court, he expressed his disappointment to how her issue was handled.
- 53. On March 22, 2016, Dr. Reagan informed Dr. King that Ms. Robertson should be reaching out to her again, but this did not occur until after Dr. King's resignation.
- 54. Over a year had past since Dr. King first expressed her concern, and on March 23, 2016 Dr. King had no other choice but to resign due to CHI's lack of response to her wellbeing.
- 55. On March 24, 2016, Dr. King received an email from Dr. Reagan expressing his disappointment in how the situation was handled and that he was personally sorry to see her leave CHI.
- 56. On March 25, 2016, Dr. King received an e-mail from Mr. Tiesi who asked her to cancel Mr. Kelly's FMLA so that he can put in the termination request. Dr. King received text messages from staff who heard that Mr. Kelly may have been dismissed by telephone that evening while he was still on FMLA.
- 57. On March 29, 2016, Dr. King received an automatic email from Human Resources indicating that Mr. Kelly was terminated beginning April 4, 2016 for "not meeting job expectations".

- 58. Shortly after Dr. King's termination, she was medically diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- 59. Recently in or about June of 2018, Dr. King, through her new job at Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), inspected a Walmart Pharmacy in McCook, Nebraska. During the inspection Dr. King realized that Mr. Kelly was employed by the pharmacy and instantly had a panic attack, anxiously going into fight or flight mode.

COUNT I: SEXUAL HARRASMENT AS A FORM OF DISCRIMINATION

- 60. Paragraphs 1 through 59 are restated and reincorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 61. By the above facts, CHI has violated Title VII by discriminating against Dr. King, due to her sex, including subjecting her to a hostile work environment.
- 62. CHI's conduct subjected Dr. King to a hostile work environment that was objectively, as well as subjectively, severe and pervasive, and materially altered her working conditions.
 - 63. Dr. King was subjected to unwelcome sexual conduct and advances on a daily basis.
- 64. CHI knew or should have known of the hostile work environment and failed to take proper remedial actions.
- 65. Because of CHI's conduct, Dr. King suffered damages including, but not limited to lost wages, fear for her safety, pain and suffering, humiliation, and mental distress.

COUNT II: INTENTIAL INFLICTION OF EMOTION DISTTRESS

- 66. Paragraphs 1 through 65 are restated and reincorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 67. As the direct victim of sexual harassment, Dr. King was subjected to an intentional infliction of emotional distress. Through the conduct of Mr. Kelly, and CHI's lack of response, Dr. King has suffered emotional distress so severe that no reasonable person should be expected to endure.

- 68. The conduct Dr. King was subjected to was so outrageous and so extreme as to go beyond all possible bounds of accepted decency.
 - 69. Mr. Kelly was, at all relevant times acting within the scope of his employment.
- 70. Dr. King's emotional anguish and mental harm were sufficiently severe and were considered medically significant.
 - 71. CHI was the actual and proximate cause of Dr. King's injuries.
- 72. Because of CHI's conduct, Dr. King suffered damages including, but not limited to lost wages, fear for her safety, pain and suffering, humiliation, and mental distress.

COUNT III: NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTION DISTTRESS

- 73. Paragraphs 1 through 72 are restated and reincorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 74. As the direct victim of sexual harassment, Dr. King was subjected to a negligent infliction of emotional distress. Through the conduct of Mr. Kelly, and CHI's lack of response, Dr. King has suffered severe emotional distress.
- 75. CHI placed Dr. King at risk of immediate physical harm and the risk caused her to suffer severe emotional distress.
- 76. Since the negligent acts, that placed Dr. King at risk of immediate physical harm, Dr. King has been medically diagnosed with multiple medically significant conditions.
- 77. Because of CHI's conduct, Dr. King suffered damages including, but not limited to lost wages, fear for her safety, pain and suffering, humiliation, and mental distress.

COUNT IV: BREACH OF CONTRACT

78. Paragraphs 1 through 77 are restated and reincorporated as if fully set forth herein.

- 79. CHI made explicit statements to Dr. King and other employees that CHI would provide a safe work environment. Consideration in return for CHI providing a safe work environment was supported by Dr. King's continued employment.
- 80. Dr. King had a reasonable expectation that CHI would provide such a safe environment.
 - 81. Dr. King fulfilled all the terms and conditions required by her under the contract.
 - 82. CHI failed to provide a safe working environment.
- 83. Because of CHI's conduct, Dr. King suffered damages including, but not limited to lost wages, fear for her safety, pain and suffering, humiliation, and mental distress.

COUNT V: CONSTRUCTIVE DISCHARGE

- 84. Paragraphs 1 through 83 are restated and reincorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 85. Dr. King was subjected to objectively severe harassment, her physical well-being was threatened.
- 86. CHI did not take her concerns seriously and continued to force Dr. King to work with Mr. Kelly after she notified Human Resources and supervisors of her fears.
- 87. Dr. King provided CHI with over one year, more than reasonable opportunity, to correct the problem.
- 88. Dr. King followed everything that CHI instructed her to do throughout the entire process and CHI still failed to adequately remedy the situation.
- 89. Because of CHI's excessive inaction and dismissal of Dr. King's fears, Dr. King was forced to leave her employment with CHI.
 - 90. Reasonable minds would find the employment conditions objectively intolerable.

- 91. Dr. King leaving her employment at CHI was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of CHI's unlawful conduct.
- 92. Because of CHI's conduct, Dr. King suffered damages including, but not limited to lost wages, fear for her safety, pain and suffering, humiliation, and mental distress.

COUNT VI: NEGLIGENT HIRING, SUPERVISION, AND RETENTION

- 93. Paragraphs 1 through 92 are restated and reincorporated as if fully set forth herein
- 94. Dr. King and other employees continually reported Mr. Kelly's harassing behavior to multiple members of CHI Human Resources and her supervisors on numerous occasions.
- 95. CHI had a duty to provide a safe work environment and prevent the environment from becoming hostile or abusive.
- 96. CHI made Mr. Kelly sign a boundary agreement due to his sexually harassing conduct. No other remedial action was taken against Mr. Kelly and the boundary agreement was not enforced.
- 97. Dr. King was personally victimized and harassed by Mr. Kelly after CHI knew and should have known of Mr. Kelly's harassing behavior.
- 98. Dr. King complained of the dangerous conduct and was constructively discharged as a result.
- 99. CHI knew or should have known of Mr. Kelly's propensity, and that he posed a threat to the safety of Dr. King, other CHI employees, and the general public. CHI subsequently failed to take proper remedial actions.
- 100. CHI failed to use ordinary care, and because the conduct was reasonably foreseeable, CHI could have prevented Dr. King's injury, had they used ordinary care.

101. CHI created an unnecessary risk by exposing other employees and third-parties to a

potentially dangerous individual.

102. Because of CHI's negligent supervision and retention of Mr. Kelly, Dr. King was

placed in imminent danger and as a result she suffered damages including, but not limited to lost

wages, fear for her safety, pain and suffering, humiliation, and severe mental distress.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Dr. King prays for judgment in her favor and against CHI in an amount

equal to damages suffered, for attorney fees, for costs, for pre-judgment and post-judgment interest

as provided by law in an amount to be determined by the evidence, and for such other and further

relief as this Court may grant.

JURY DEMAND

Dr. King hereby demands a trial by jury in this action.

DATED this 10th day of July, 2018.

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